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## COMMUNICATION

FROM THE

President of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company.

IN RELATION

TO THE BONDS ISSUED BY THE STATE

FOR THE

SUBSCRIPTION TO THE CAPITAL STOCK.

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## COMMUNICATION.

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ANNAPOLIS, February 5th, 1845.

*To the Honorable*

*The Speaker of the House of Delegates.*

SIR,—I have the honour herewith to communicate to the House of Delegates, the information called for by the order of the 21st of January, in relation to the sales, &c., of the bonds issued by this State to pay for the State's subscriptions to the capital stock of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal company. Immediately upon the passage of the order I transmitted a copy of it to the Treasurer and accountant of the company, with directions to prepare statements in conformity with its requirements. On the 24th of the month, he forwarded to me an answer, but it not appearing to cover the whole ground of enquiry, I returned it to him with a letter of instructions, a copy of which is hereunto appended, and he accordingly prepared and transmitted to me the accompanying statements, which I presume embrace the information desired as far as it is practicable to furnish it from the records of the company.

Most of the information now submitted has in various forms since the year 1839, been brought before the House of Delegates, and the subject was elaborately examined by the committee on Internal Improvements at the session of 1840-41, as will appear by reference to the printed testimony taken before said committee, and published as amongst the documents of that session.

No effort has however heretofore been made to *identify* the bonds sold by the company at the various prices at which they were disposed of, and the information now communicated on that branch of the enquiry is unavoidably imperfect. A large portion of the bonds were sold through the agency of Mr. Peabody, in London, and as in his report of sales from time to time, he has not specified the *numbers* of the bonds, there is nothing on file in the office of the company from which they can be ascertained. All that we at present can do in this behalf is to give a list of the bonds that were sent to him to be sold, which will be found in the statement marked "General Index." For a similar reason the same difficulty as respects identification, exists in regard to sales made by other agents of the company. I am informed by the Treasurer and accountant that the identification, as exhibited in the statement alluded to, is as full as it can be made from the records of his office. If the information be deemed important the company could probably

obtain it from Mr. Peabody, and other agents, who, from time to time, have disposed of the bonds under the authority of the Board of President and Directors for the time being.

It may be proper in this place to remark, that the State of Maryland is secured, in the manner provided for by the acts of Assembly authorising the subscriptions, for the whole amount of the *par value* of the bonds issued by the State in payment of said subscriptions, and that the loss on the sales of the bonds by this company, amounting, as compared with the sum subscribed by the State, to \$856,015 56, is a loss to the corporation aggregate embracing all the stockholders of the company.

I have now endeavoured as far as possible to furnish the information asked for by the House. If any thing be omitted in the accompanying statements which it is desired should be communicated, it will afford me pleasure to supply the deficiency if it be practicable to do so, upon suggestion being made of the precise character of the further information that may be wanted.

With great respect,

I am, your obedient servant,

J. M. COALE,

President Ches. & Ohio Canal Co.

ANNAPOLIS, January 24th, 1845.

To ROBERT BARNARD, Esq. Treasurer and Accountant  
of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Co.

SIR,—I received your statements in reply to the order of the House of Delegates of the 21st inst., by this day's mail, but they do not present what appears to be the principal object of the enquiry, viz: the identification of the bonds sold and the dates and rates at which they were respectively sold or hypothecated. You will therefore please to prepare and send me an amended or supplementary statement embracing these matters as far as practicable. Though promptness is desirable, the urgency of a reply is not so great as to forbid your taking all needful time to make the necessary examination for a full answer to the interrogatories, to the extent they can be answered from the records of the company.

Very respectfully yours, &c.

J. M. COALE,

President Ches. & Ohio Canal Co.



TREASURER'S OFFICE CHES. AND OHIO CANAL CO. }  
 Frederick City, 1st February, 1845. }

TO JAMES M. COALE, ESQ.,

President Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Co.

(Now at Annapolis.)

SIR,—Herewith you will receive statements required by you of me in obedience to the order of the House of Delegates of the State of Maryland, of 21st January, ultimo. These statements are,

1st. Statement of the disposition made of the 6 per cent. certificates issued to the company, by the State of Maryland, and which were exchanged for 5 per cent. sterling bonds.

2nd. General statement of the 5 per cent. sterling bonds issuable to the company under chapter 386 and 396 December session 1838.

3rd. Particular statement of sales made of said bonds.

4th. General recapitulation showing the result of these sales and of the loss resulting to the company, in consequence of the mode selected by the State of Maryland, for the payment of her subscription of \$3,000,000 and the further aid of \$1,375,000.

5th. A further statement of hypothecations of the 5 per cent. sterling bonds, made subsequent to the 1st of June, 1839—which were embraced in the preceding sales, as per statements.

These are accompanied with a numeral schedule of the bonds with the interest to identify them. But there do not exist in this office the means by which to render more perfect the identification of the bonds demanded by said order.

Very respectfully,

Your most obedient servant,

ROBT. BARNARD, Treasurer.

## STATEMENT I.

*Statement showing the disposition made of the six per cent. certificates received from the State of Maryland.*

The total amount for which the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal company receipted to the Treasurer Western Shore Maryland, was		\$3,000,000
Thus disposed of 1st June, 1839 :		
\$100,000	Mechanics' Bank of Baltimore pledged to secure a loan of	\$100,000
150,000	Merchants' " " " "	150,000
60,000	Bank of Potomac, Alexandria " "	60,000
40,000	Com. & Farmers' Bank Balt. " "	40,000
85,000	Western Bank " "	85,000
30,000	Girard Bank Philadelphia " "	30,000
210,000	Bank of America New York " "	200,000
200,000	Bank U. S. Penn'a. Philada. " "	200,000
40,000	A. Brown & Sons Balt. part of " "	100,000
85,000	Bank of Washington " "	85,000
500,000	Treasurer W. S. deposited with him in compliance with the act issuing the certificates.	
1,500,000	Geo. Peabody of London for sale.	
\$3,000,000	Total	

All these certificates were exchanged for 5 per cent. sterling bonds issued under chapter 386, December session 1838.

## STATEMENT 2.

According to the construction given by the Treasurer Western Shore Maryland, to chapter 386 and 396 of December session 1838—there should have been issued under the former act:

In exchange for the \$3,000,000 6 per cent. certificates 5 per cent. sterling bonds	£720,000
To repay advances made by Chesapeake and Ohio Canal company to other Internal Improvement companies upon the requisition of the Treasurer	27,000
And under chapter 396	
Additional aid	309,375
	<hr/> £1,056,375

And the following disposition has been made of the 5 per cent. sterling bonds, viz:

1st By Geo. Peabody of London sold to sundries as per annexed statement	£137,000	
Sold to Barings & Co.	507,000	
		£644,000
2d Sold to Barings & Co. on closing acc't.		117,500
3d Sold to creditors of the company and in New York		180,250
4th Sold by the company through an agent in small sums at several times		12,000
5th Sold by the Trustees for the redemp- tion of post notes 1839—see their state- ment in 13th annual report		90,250
Exchanged by Commissioner of Loans for \$35,000 6 per cent. certificates sold by Western Bank	8,400	1,044,000
Amount not yet delivered to the company	475	
	8,875	
Bonds yet remaining in the company's possession	3,500	12,375
		<hr/> £1,056,375

## STATEMENT 3.

*Statement of the Sales made of the five per cent. Sterling Bonds of Maryland, issued to Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, under chapter 386 and 396.*

1839	First, by Geo. Peabody, of London.			
Aug.	£ 12,000	at	85 per cent.	
	10,000	"	84 "	
Oct'r	18,000	"	80 "	
	1,250	"	87 "	
	750	"	79½ "	
	3,750	"	78½ "	
Nov.	7,000	"	71½ "	
	12,750	"	72 "	
	71,500 exc'd for Pa. & Ohio stocks, which on re-sale netted 73⅞.			
	£ 137,000	Nett proceeds,		\$469,504 '84
	507,000	at 70 per cent., Barings & Co.		1,559,446 66
	£ 644,000			\$2,038,951 50

*Second—To Barings & Company.*

At the close of the Agency of Mr. Peabody for this Company, there remained £133,000 five per cent. Bonds, which by order of the Company of the 8th January, 1840, were handed over to Barings & Co., under an agreement bearing date the 27th November, 1839, &c., upon which they agreed to make advances as far as 65 per cent. of their par value. Advances were accordingly made by them, principally in 1840, and upon a final settlement of accounts with them, (see 16th annual report,) their advances were covered by £117,500 at 65 per cent.—\$339,444 55.

## STATEMENT OF SALES,—(Continued.)

*Third—To Creditors of the Company.*

1839			pr. ct.	Nett proc'ds.
Nov.	Frederick County Bank,	£2,750	83½	\$10,185 19
	Banks in Baltimore,	98,000	85	370,222 11
to	N. A. Trust and Banking Co.,	25,000	66	73,333 33
	Other creditors,	500	85	4,866 67
May		500	89	
1840		250	90	
1839	And to raise Funds.			
Dec.	Elisha Riggs,	8,250	67	57,496 99
	“ “ } sales by	11,000	70	
	Christmas & Co., } them as	14,000	67	
	Bank of Washington,	15,000	85	41,688 88
		500	87	56,666 66
	W. W. Corcoran and others,	4,500	85	1,933 33
		£180,250		16,960 41
				\$633,353 57
	4th—by the Co. thro' agents.			
	In small sums at various times,	12,000	68½	36,527 77
	5th—by the Trustees for the redemption of post notes, 1839.			
	See their sales in 13th Annual Report, final page,	£90,250		\$344,117 26

## STATEMENT 4.

## GENERAL RECAPITULATION.

RECEIVED.			DISPOSED OF.	
Pd. Sterl'g.	Equivalent in dollars at \$4 $\frac{1}{2}$ per £.		Pd. Sterling	Nett Sales.
1,056,375	4,695,000	Tot'l issuable		
First—Sold by Geo. Peabody,			644,000	2,038,951 50
Second—Sold to Barings & Co.,			117,500	339,444 55
Third—Sold by Creditors, &c.,			180,250	633,353 57
Fourth—Sold by the Co. per agents,			12,000	36,527 77
Fifth—Sold by Trustees, &c.,			90,250	344,117 26
Exchanged by Commissioner of Loans,			8,400	35,000 00
			1,052,400	3,427,394 65
Not yet delivered to the Co.,	£475			
In possession of the Co.,	3,500			
			3,975	at p. 17,666 66
Profit & loss—gross loss	1,249,938 69			3,445,061 31
Deduct the 200,000 given as the exchange of 6 per ct. for 5, and the exchange upon the drafts on G. Peabody and Barings & co.	193,923 33,	393,923 33		
			Nett loss,	856,015 36
By the above $\frac{1}{10}$ for exchange of stocks,				200,000 00
By the exchange on drafts as above,				193,923 33
			£1,056,375	\$4,695,000 00

Reference is also made to page 51, of the 14th Annual Report.  
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TREASURER'S OFFICE, C. & O. CANAL Co., }  
Frederick City, 1st February, 1845. }

ROBT. BARNARD, Treasurer.



## STATEMENT 5.

*Statement of Hypothecations made by the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal company of 5 per cent. sterling bonds of the State of Maryland, as collateral for Loans.*

Am't. of bonds Hy- pothecat'd.	To whom.	To secure.
	1839.	
£30,000	Aug. 1st, Elisha Riggs,	\$100,000
65,000	" " Christmas & Co.,	200,000
	Note of this loan only 133,000 was taken.	
2,750	" 15th, Frederick County Bank,	10,000
	This Bank afterward purchased these bonds—see statement of sales.	
2,250	" 16th, Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank of Frederick county,	10,000
133,000	Messrs. Baring, under agreement dated 27th Nov., 1839, to secure repayment of advan- ces—see supra.	

*Statement of Hypothecations made by the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal company of 5 per cent. sterling bonds of the State of Maryland, as collateral for bills drawn on Geo. Peabody.*

	From 1839,		
£90,000	June 10, } Bank of Washington	15,000	
	to } do.	33,000	
	Oct. 14, } Bank of Potomac	12,375	£ s.
			60,375
10,000	July 15, A. Brown & Sons, additional		21,304 17
20,000	Sept. 10, N. A. Trust & Banking Co.		15,000
	Note £5,000 additional were given af- terwards.		
12,000	Oct. 2, Nevins, Townsend & Co.		7,200
£132,000			103,879 17

NOTE.—It will be seen that the Hypothecations were generally at no fixed rates, but were only limited by the margin left between the sum hypothecated and the amount loaned or advanced upon them. The Bonds placed with Mr. Peabody, in London, as per preceding statements, are not embraced in the above statement, because strictly speaking they could scarcely be regarded as having been hypothecated. He was the Agent of the company for the sale of those Bonds. Circumstances, however, sometimes not ren-

dering it advisable that he should sell the Bonds when the company required money, large advances were from time to time made by or through him for the repayment of which the Bonds in his hands were of course liable, and the proceeds thereof were applied to such purpose as far as necessary when they were disposed of.



## GENERAL INDEX

*To the Statement showing the Numbers of the Bonds disposed of,  
so far as can now be ascertained.*

Numbers.	To whom disposed.	Numbers.	To whom disposed.
1 a 797	Geo. Peabody.	2574 a 2781	Not ascertained.
798 a 855	Elisha Riggs.	2782 a 2861	N. A. T. & B'k. co.
856 a 860	Com. & F. Bank.	2862 a 2921	Not ascertained.
861 a 964	Merchants' Bank.	2922 a 2991	Merchants' Bank.
865 a 875	Frederick co. Bank.	2992 a 3021	Not ascertained.
876 a 1590	Geo. Peabody.	3022 a 3040	Merchants' Bank.
1591 a 1592	Not ascertained.	3041 a 3042	Not ascertained.
1593 a 1644	Geo. Peabody.	3043 a 3062	Merchants' Bank.
1645 a 1653	Christmas & co.	3073 a 3079	Western Bank.
1654 a 1655	Elisha Riggs.	3080 a 3082	Not ascertained.
1656 a 1657	Not ascertained.	3083 a 3092	Western Bank.
1658 a 1676	Geo. Peabody.	3093 a 3100	Com. & Far. Bank
1677 a 1678	Christmas & co.	3101 a 3102	Not ascertained.
1679	Not ascertained.	3103 a 3133	Com. & Far. Bank.
1680	Geo. Peabody.	3134 a 3163	Western Bank.
1681 a 1685	Not ascertained.	3164 a 3213	Not ascertained.
1686 a 1865	Geo. Peabody.	3214 a 3221	Merchants' Bank.
1866 a 1872	Christmas & co.	3222 a 3225	Not ascertained.
1873 a 2058	Geo. Peabody.	3226 a 3227	Hollman & Rey'ds.
2059 a 2238	Not ascertained.	3228 a 3229	Not ascertained.
2239 a 2481	Geo. Peabody.	3230 a 3301	do.
2482 a 2521	Not ascertained.	3276	Merchants' Bank.
2522 a 2537	Davies & White.	3302 a 3324	do.
2538 a 2543	Elisha Riggs.	3325 a 3330	Not ascertained.
2545 a 2553	do.	3331 a 3333	Merchants' Bank.
2554 a 2573	Christmas & co.		

Mr. Peabody, received in London for sale 777,000, of which the following are the numbers.

No. 1 to 327	327 Bonds, each	£500	£163,500
328 to 797	470 " "	250	117,500
876 to 1440	565 " "	250	141,250
1441 to 1590	150 " "	500	75,000
1593 to 1644	52 " "	500	26,000
1658 to 1676	19 " "	500	9,500
1680	1 " "	500	500
1686 to 1865	180 " "	500	90,000
1873 to 2058	186 " "	500	93,000
2239 to 2481	243 " "	250	60,750

2193 Bonds, . . . . . 777,000

Of these he sold to sundry persons, numbers not given, . 644,000

And he handed over to Barings & Co., . . . . . 133,000

Of the following numbers,

18	to	33	16	}	£500	100,000
37	to	49	13			
51	to	75	25			
111	to	123	13			
154						
162	to	163	8			
248	to	250				
276	to	277				
1696	to	1704	10			
1865						
1706	to	1785	80	}		
1926	to	1935	10			
2036	to	2058	23			
1608						
1862			2			

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358 to 387	30 bonds	250	}
398 to 407	10 " "	250	
654 to 656	} 6	" 250	}
586 to 587			
668			

46 bonds, . . . . . 11,500

Numbers not given, . . . . . 21,500

£133,000

Of the £133,000, Barings & Co., took to cover their }  
 advances at the rate of hypothecation, } 117,500  
 And sent back the following Nos. 18 to 33, 37 to 49 }  
 and 51 and 52—31 bonds £500 each, } 15,500

£133,000

## STATEMENT,—(Continued.)

Of the £15,500 returned, all have been sold except Nos. 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 51.

865 to 875	Sold to the Frederick Co. Bank.		
	11 Bonds, each £250		2,750
	Sales in New York, viz:—To N. A. Trust & Banking Co.		
2782 to 2861	80 Bonds, each £250,	£20,000	
	Numbers not given,	5,000	25,000
	By Elisha Riggs.		
798 to 855	58 Bonds, each £250	£14,500	
1654 to 1655	2 “ “	500	1,000
2538 to 2543	6 “ “	250	1,500
2545 to 2549	5 “ “	250	1,250
2550 to 2553	4 “ “	250	1,000
			19,250
	Sold by Christmas, & Co.		
Nos. 1645 to 1653	9 Bonds, each £500	£4,500	
1677 to 1678	2 “ “	500	1,000
1866 to 1872	7 “ “	500	3,500
2554 to 2573	20 “ “	250	5,000
			14,000
	<i>To the Banks in Baltimore, viz:</i>		
	Commercial and Farmers' Bank.		
3093 to 3100	8 Bonds, each £250	£2,000	
3103 to 3133	31 “ “	250	7,750
856 to 860	5 “ “	250	1,250
			11,000
	Franklin Bank.		
Nos. not given.			4,250
	Mechanics' Bank.		
1645 to 1649	5 Bonds, each £500	£2,500	
Nos. not given.	96 “ “	250	24,000
			26,500
	Merchants' Bank.		
3022 to 3040	19 Bonds, each £250	£4,750	
3043 to 3062	20 “ “	250	5,000
3067 to 3072	6 “ “	250	1,500
3214 to 3221	8 “ “	250	2,000
3276	1 “ “	250	250
3302 to 3324	23 “ “	250	5,750
3331 to 3333	3 “ “	250	750



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BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES,  
February 27, 1845.

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STATEMENTS

OF THE

Clerks of the County Courts and Registers of Wills,

RELATIVE TO THE

NUMBER OF YEARS THEY HAVE BEEN IN OFFICE,

THE AMOUNT OF

THEIR RECEIPTS, &c.

In conformity with an order of the House of the 8th January.



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